

# MASSAGING MECHANISM OF MASSAGING MACHINE

## **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

5           The present invention relates generally to a massaging machine, and more particularly to a massaging mechanism of the massaging machine.

## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

10           As shown in FIGS. 1-8, the Taiwan Patent Number 90115937 discloses a massaging machine which comprises a base 1 having a support seat 11. The support seat 11 is used to mount thereon a rubbing device 2, a pounding device 3, and two displacement devices 4A and 4B.

15           The rubbing device 2 comprises a rubbing shaft 21 which is provided at two ends with a sleeve 22 which is in turn provided with a bearing housing 23 and a support arm 24. The support arm 24 is used to mount a roller 25. The shaft 21 is driven by a motor 26 in conjunction with a belted wheel set 27  
20           and a worm wheel. The rollers 25 serve to effect a rubbing action, as illustrated in FIG. 5.

          The pounding device 3 comprises a shaft 31 which is in turn provided at both ends with an eccentric sleeve 32. The eccentric sleeve 32 is connected to the support arm 24 of the  
25           rubbing device 2 by a connection rod 33. The shaft 31 is driven

by a motor 34 in conjunction with a belted wheel set 35.

The displacement device 4B has a shaft 41 which is mounted on the support seat 11. The shaft 41 is provided at one end with a connection rod 42 for connecting a roller 43. The  
5 shaft 41 is provided at other end with a connection rod 44 which is pivoted with a connection rod 45. A feed nut 46 is engaged with a threaded rod 47 of a belted wheel set 48, which is driven by a motor 49. When the feed nut 46 displaces on the threaded rod 47, the shaft 41 is actuated by the two connection rods 44  
10 and 45, thereby causing the base 1 to move back and forth. As a result, the massaging effect is brought about by the rollers 25.

As shown in FIGS. 3, 7, and 8, the displacement devices 4A and 4B are respectively driven by the motor 49, so as to enable the base 1 to be adjusted in angle at which the base 1  
15 leans forward or backward. As a result, either the upper roller 25 or the lower roller 25 can be selectively used to engage in the massaging action.

Such a prior art massaging machine as described above is defective in design in that the connection rods are exerted on by  
20 a relatively large torsional moment at such time when the body part of a person comes in contact with the rollers, thereby resulting in interference of the displacement of the base. In addition, the angular adjustment of the base is attained by the two displacement devices and is therefore limited, due to the  
25 fact that the connection rods can be caused to swivel to a limited

extent.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The primary objective of the present invention is to  
5 provide a massaging machine with a massaging mechanism  
which is free of the deficiencies of the prior art massaging  
mechanism described above.

In keeping with the principle of the present invention, the  
foregoing objective of the present invention is attained by a  
10 massaging mechanism comprising a displacement device, a  
rubbing device, a pounding device, and an angle-adjusting  
device. The rubbing device and the pounding device are  
respectively driven by a motor and are provided with a shaft.  
The shaft of the rubbing device is provided at both ends with a  
15 massaging roller. The displacement device comprises a driving  
source which is provided with a worm wheel set for driving a  
shaft of the displacement device. The shaft of the displacement  
device is linked with a transmission device by which the  
massaging mechanism is capable of a linear motion on the  
20 machine frame. As the body of a person comes in contact with  
the massaging rollers, the worm wheel set is exerted on by the  
body weight of the person so as to locate securely the massaging  
mechanism.

The massaging rollers in action can be adjusted angularly,  
25 due to the fact that the angle-adjusting device comprises a gear

which is engaged with an arcuate rack of the pounding device. The angular adjustment of the massaging mechanism is various, depending on the curvature of the arcuate rack. In another words, the massaging mechanism of the present invention can be  
5 adjusted to fit the body curve of a person. In addition, the angular adjustment of the massaging mechanism of the present invention can be achieved by only one arcuate rack and one gear.

The rubbing device comprises a shaft having two ends,  
10 each being slanted for mounting a swing arm on which a rubbing roller is mounted.

The features and the advantages of the present invention will be more readily understood upon a thoughtful deliberation of the following detailed description of the present invention  
15 with reference to the accompanying drawings.

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1 shows a schematic view of a prior art massaging mechanism.

20 FIG. 2 shows a front view of the prior art massaging mechanism.

FIG. 3 shows a rear view of the prior art massaging mechanism.

FIG. 4 shows a schematic view of the rubbing device of  
25 the prior art massaging mechanism.

FIG. 5 shows a schematic view of the rubbing rollers of the prior art massaging mechanism in motion.

FIG. 6 shows a schematic view of the pounding device of the prior art massaging mechanism.

5        FIG. 7 shows a schematic view of the displacement devices of the prior art massaging mechanism.

FIG. 8 shows a schematic view of the angle-adjusting device of the prior art massaging mechanism.

10       FIG. 9 shows a schematic view of the present invention mounted on the guide rails of a chair.

FIG. 10 shows a top view of the present invention.

FIG. 11 shows a rear view of the present invention.

FIG. 12 shows a bottom view of the present invention.

FIG. 13 shows a front view of the present invention.

15       FIG. 14 shows a partial side view of the present invention.

FIG. 15 shows a partial sectional view of the displacement device of the present invention.

FIG. 16 shows a partial sectional view of the rubbing device of the present invention.

20       FIG. 17 shows a partial sectional view of the pounding device of the present invention.

FIG. 18 shows a partial sectional view of the angle-adjusting device of the present invention.

25       FIG. 19 shows a schematic view of the present invention at work.

FIG. 20 shows a schematic view of the angle-adjusting device of the present invention in action.

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

5 As shown in FIGS. 9-20, a massaging mechanism 5 embodied in the present invention is mounted on two guide rails of a chair in conjunction with a lifting device.

The massaging mechanism 5 of the present invention comprises a displacement device 6, a rubbing device 7, a  
10 pounding device 8, and an angle-adjusting device 9.

As shown in FIGS. 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15, the displacement device 6 comprises a motor 61 by which a belted wheel set 62 is driven to actuate a worm wheel set 63. The worm wheel set 63 has a worm wheel 631 which is mounted on  
15 a main displacement shaft 64 which is linked to a machine frame 51 by a transmission device comprising two gears 65 which are respectively mounted on both ends of the main displacement shaft 64. The machine frame 51 is provided with a rack 52. The main displacement shaft 64 is provided at two ends with a  
20 connection piece 66 for coupling an auxiliary displacement shaft 67. The main shaft 64 and the auxiliary shaft 67 are provided at two ends with a slide wheel 68, which is disposed in a slide slot 53 of the machine frame 51.

As shown in FIGS. 10, 13, 14, and 16, the rubbing device  
25 7 comprises a cover 71 by which it is suspended on the auxiliary

shaft 67 of the displacement device 6. The rubbing device 7 further comprises a motor 72 and a belted wheel set 73 driven by the motor 72. The belted wheel set 73 actuates a worm wheel set 74 comprising a worm wheel 471 which is mounted on a rubbing shaft 75. The rubbing shaft 75 is provided at both ends with a swing arm 76 which is in turn provided with two rubbing rollers 77, each being tilted.

As shown in FIGS. 10, 14, 16, and 17, the pounding device 8 comprises a motor 81 and a belted wheel set 82 driven by the motor 81. The belted wheel set 82 actuates a pounding shaft 83 which is put through the cover 71 of the rubbing device 7. The pounding shaft 83 has two ends, each being of an eccentric construction and having a seat 84 for disposing a connection rod 85 which is provided at one end with two planar surfaces and is capable of swiveling sideways in the seat 84. The connection rod 85 is fastened at other end with the swing arm 76 of the rubbing device 7 by a universal joint.

As shown in FIGS. 10, 11, and 18, the angle-adjusting device 9 comprises a motor 91 which is mounted on the connection piece 66 of the displacement device 6 for driving a belted wheel set 92 which in turn actuates a worm wheel set 93 having a worm wheel 931. The worm wheel 931 is mounted on an angle adjusting shaft 94, which is in turn mounted on the connection piece 66 of the displacement device 6 and is provided with a gear 95 mounted thereon such that the gear 95 is

engaged with an arcuate rack 96 fastened with the underside of the cover 71 of the rubbing device 7. The arcuate rack 96 may be of various designs, depending on the needs of a machine user.

As illustrated in FIGS. 10, 13, and 16, the belted wheel set 73 of the rubbing device 7 is driven by the motor 72, so as to actuate the worm wheel set 74 which in turn actuates the rubbing shaft 75 to rotate. In light of the swing arms 76 of the rubbing shaft 75 being tilted inwards and connected with the connection rod 85 by a universal joint, the rubbing rollers 77 of the two swing arms 76 are capable of rubbing action at the time when the rubbing shaft 75 turns.

As illustrated in FIGS. 12, 14, and 17, the belted wheel 82 of the pounding device 8 is driven by the motor 81, so as to actuate the pounding shaft 83 to turn. In light of both ends of the pounding shaft 83 being of an eccentric design, the connection rod 85 is capable of moving up and down on the seat 84 such that the connection rod 85 actuates the two swing arms 76 to engage in a swinging motion. As a result, the two rubbing rollers 77 are caused to swivel up and down to bring about a pounding action.

As illustrated in FIGS. 14, 15, and 19, the belted wheel set 62 of the displacement device 6 is driven by the motor 61, so as to actuate the worm wheel set 63 which in turn actuates the main displacement shaft 64 to rotate. As a result, the tow gears 65, which are mounted on two ends of the main displacement shaft



64, move on the rack 52 of the machine frame 51. In the meantime, the auxiliary displacement shaft 67 is actuated by the connection piece 66 of the displacement device 6. As a result, the slide wheels 68 of both ends of the main shaft 64 and the auxiliary shaft 67 are caused to slide along the slide slots 53 of the machine frame 51, thereby resulting in a linear motion of the massaging mechanism 5.

By controlling the motor 61, the main displacement shaft 64 can be actuated to turn in reverse, so as to actuate the massaging mechanism 5 to displace backward. The massaging effect of the rubbing rollers 77 can be then adjusted. In light of the self-locking mechanism of the worm wheel set 63 of the displacement device 6, the gears 65 of the displacement device 6 are securely engaged with the rack 52 of the machine frame 51 at such time when the rubbing rollers 77 are exerted on by the pressure of the body of a person.

As shown in FIGS. 14, 18, and 20, the belted wheel set 92 of the angle-adjusting device 9 is driven by the motor 91, so as to actuate the worm wheel set 93 which in turn actuates the angle-adjusting shaft 94 to turn, thereby resulting in engagement of the gear 95 with the arcuate rack 96. The inclination of the massaging mechanism 5 is thus adjusted such that the two swing arms 76 of the rubbing device 7 are tilted. The inclination of the massaging mechanism 5 is dependent on the curvature of the arcuate rack 96. As a result, the rubbing rollers 77 of the two

swing arms 76 of the rubbing device 7 can be tilted as desired.

The embodiment of the present invention described above is to be regarded in all respects as being illustrative and nonrestrictive. Accordingly, the present invention may be  
5 embodied in other specific forms without deviating from the spirit thereof. The present invention is therefore to be limited only by the scopes of the following claims.

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